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NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th March 2024 Issue 23

Dear Parents,

We would like to offer our congratulations to all the children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday. Thank you to the year 3 staff for preparing the children so well. It was a lovely service. We hope that you continue to keep the children and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion in May. On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day. In classes across the school, we all shared the 2023 Junior Book Awards Winner – The Extraordinary Book that makes you feel happy. Classes then created their own version of the book to send to another class in the school as a secret present.

On Friday, we welcomed a visit from the author Alex T Smith. The children were full of excitement as they had the chance to get signed copies of his new book that they had recently purchased. We would like to say a big thank you to Kenilworth books who organised this event for us in school.

On Friday, Father Benedict visited our early years classes to share in a celebration of our mum's as we prepare for Mother's Day this coming Sunday. Mrs Fox said, "We wanted to take time to be thankful and appreciative of our mums."

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to welcoming all the children back on Monday.

Best Wishes

Mrs Carlin & Miss McDonald

Reminders/Messages



Future Dates for your Calendar

Stations of the Cross (in St. Aug church) Fridays at 2:30pm - Parents welcome

Crazy Hair Day—Wednesday 13th March—£1.00 contributions of £1 for Good Shepherd Appeal

Non-uniform Day - Tuesday 19th March (Please bring item for the Foodbank)

Parking

Dear Parents

Cars are struggling to pass on Heathcote Street when bringing children to school in the morning. Several parents have raised concerns with cars parked alongside the green. These prevent the flow of two-way traffic. Please do be considerate of one another and the local community when selecting where to park. Bottle necks caused by parking alongside the green result in a very frustrating situation for parents and cause children to be late for school.

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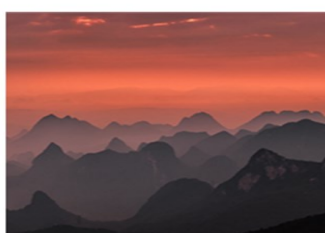
Gospel Virtues

Our virtues this half term remind us to be:

Faith Filled and Hopeful

Faith-filled: We are faith-filled when we are living life as God inspires us to live it, putting the Gospel into action through our deeds. Faith gives us belief and trust in God and in other people. We have to build on it every day through prayer, being part of a faith community and living out the gospel values. Faith gives us hope.

Hopeful: We are hopeful when we are optimistic about the future, we trust ourselves and others, and we don't give up. Our faith teaches us that God is hope – that Christ walks before us and gives us the courage to follow. Hope makes us unafraid to step into the unknown and face challenges. Hope can deepen or restore our faith.



Faith moves mountains

Mark 11:22-24 (RSV)

Jesus said, "Have faith in God. Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

Birthdays



Nursery	
Reception	Elisha
Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 3	Kirthika, Oriana, John
Year 4	Kyron-Kai
Year 5	
Year 6	



Looking for something to do during the Easter Holidays?

Come on down to the Coventry Dementia Partnership Hub, Everdon Road, Holbrooks, CV6 4DT.

Children's easter competition on Tuesday 26th March and Tuesday 2nd April. Prizes available for winners.

Café open between 10:30am – 2:30pm, with children's menu available.





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Class Attendance

Nursery All Day	99%
Nursery AM	83%
Reception	93%
Y1M	95%
Y1RW	95%
Y2K	93%
Y3B	97%
Y3PH	98%
Y4H	95%
Y4L	97%
Y5A	98%
Y5S	97%
Y6C	91%
Y6D	98%

Attendance Goal 96% and above



Class Attendance Winners

Nursery All Day
99%



For most pupils, the best place to be during term-time is in school, surrounded by the support of their friends and teachers.

This is important not just for your child's learning, but also for their overall wellbeing, wider development and their mental health.

As a parent, it can be difficult to know when to send your child into school if they are feeling unwell or a mildly anxious, but finding solutions is a team effort between schools, parents and children, and there is support and information available to help you make the best decision for your child'.

[How to improve your child's school attendance and where to get support](https://www.blog.gov.uk/2016/05/10/how-to-improve-your-childs-school-attendance-and-where-to-get-support/) – The Education Hub (blog.gov.uk)

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PE, After School Clubs & Sports News

All After School Clubs for the Spring Term will finish week beginning 18th March.

After School Club sign up for our Summer Term Clubs 'go live' on **Saturday 9th March at 12pm** and will close at 12pm on **Friday 15th March**. Any remaining places will be available on Monday 18th March. Children must be signed up for on Arbor in order to secure their place.

PE Kits

Please can we remind you that school PE kits should consist of black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms, plain white t-shirt and a black hoody or jumper (school jumper okay too) - no branded kits should be worn in school. There are a number of children coming to school in very colourful tracksuits – **this is not in line with our school uniform policy and is only acceptable on non-uniform days**.

Active Families

Each week we will provide you with a resource which will give you some ideas on ways to keep active at home!

Unlock the Circle

What you need: a piece of paper, a pen and a key

How to play:

- Draw a circle on the paper and divide it into 8 sections.
- Write an exercise in each section.
- Place the key in the centre of the circle and hold it there by placing the pen inside the key hole.
- Keep holding the pen as you spin the key. Complete the exercise that the key lands on.
- Keep going until you complete the circle.
- Make this easier by completing 8 spins.

How many spins will it take you?

www.getset4education.co.uk





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For Parents of Year 5 pupils

Creating sustainable communities: a place-based approach to housing retrofitting.

We are excited to announce year 5 pupils' participation in a place-based participatory research project in partnership with Coventry City Council and Real Art. The project aims to increase awareness of retrofit and energy efficient measures across the local community and understand the barriers that the adult population may face to engage with schemes currently offered by the local Council. The project revolves around the following three workshops:

1. Workshop 1: 15th April (9-12.30 pm).

In Workshop 1 children will work with the local Council and researchers from the University of Warwick to learn about energy efficient behaviour and their relevance for sustainable development.

2. Workshop 2 : 22nd April (9-3.10 pm)

In workshop 2 children will work with artists, teachers and researchers from the University of Warwick to build creative 3D models of homes retrofitted. These models will be exhibited at a celebratory final showcase event where parents will have an opportunity to explore the children's creations.

3. Workshop 3: 2nd May (3.30-6 pm)

In Workshop 3, after attending the celebratory event, we would appreciate parents' active participation in an interactive workshop. The workshop requires no prior preparation and will comprise of activities that seek to better understand their lived experiences on what influences the decision to engage/not engage with local energy efficiency schemes. At the same time, children will have an opportunity to participate in activities/games about climate change and sustainable development facilitated by members of staff and student at the University of Warwick. Refreshments will be provided after the event.

The information received in the parent interactive workshop will be used to produce a survey to be disseminated to all parents in the school and will inform future iterations of the project with residents in specific areas of Coventry where engagement with retrofit measures is particularly low.

All workshops will be filmed, and, when ready, the resulting video will be shared in social media to promote the benefits of retrofit measures. For this reason, we ask your consent for your children to be filmed during the workshops. In case you wish to attend the interactive workshop on 2nd May we also need your consent to be filmed and ask you to read the participation information leaflet prior to attending the event. A £10 love2shop voucher will be offered to each household to thank you for taking the time to complete the interactive workshop.

All consent forms will be sent home to parents for their signature.

To help us arranging catering and rooms, please return all signed forms as soon as possible and no later than **Friday 22nd March**.

We hope to see as many of as possible!

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